Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has a total manpower of 39,725 as on 01.01.2003, of which 23,861 are executives and remaining 15,864 are non-executives. A sizeable number of employees have become officers because of the promotion policy of ONGC.

(c) to (e) ONGC has informed that while there is no demand of salary revision, the Association of Scientific and Technical Officers (ASTO), ONGC had represented last year to the ONGC Management about profit bonus and performance related payments. The matter, however, was resolved after discussions on 30.09.2002 between the ASTO and ONGC Management.

(f) ONGC has embarked upon an organisational restructuring exercise, titled under Corporate Rejuvenation Campaign (CRC), to address the imbalances in availability and requirement of manpower throughout the organisation.

Round-the-clock petrol pumps in Uttar Pradesh

†1333. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and places of petrol pumps proposed to be opened in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of petrol pumps in Uttar Pradesh which remain open 24 hours; and

(c) the number of petrol pumps in Uttar Pradesh which remain open 24 hours and are managed by women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) After the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism in petroleum sector *w.e.f.* 1.4.2002, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have freedom to select locations for setting up retail outlet dealership (petrol pumps) in various parts of the country, including the State of Uttar Pradesh, provided that the locations meet certain norms like commercial viability and non-encroachment of the existing retain outlet.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) There are 905 retail outlets, which remain open for 24 hours, in the State of Uttar Pradesh. Out of these, 66 retail outlets are managed by women.

Revenue to ONGC from overseas projects

1334. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC propose to earn $1,250 million from overseas operations during Tenth Five Year Plan as reported in the Times of India dated the 18th December, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the projects proposed to be undertaken abroad; and

(c) the total foreign exchange so far earned in the oilfield during the Ninth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) ONGC-Videsh Limited (OVL), a wholly subsidiary of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) set up for Exploration and Production (E&P) activities overseas, has envisaged foreign exchange inflow of about US $ 1,260 million (Rs. 6,174 crore approximately) during the Tenth Five Year Plan period from its projects in offshore Vietnam and Sakhalin, Russia besides the projects in countries like Algeria, Iraq and Venezuela expected to materialize in this period.

(c) During the Ninth Plan period, foreign exchange earnings of OVL were Rs. 26.46 crore from its Vietnam Project, and of ONGC were Rs. 349.86 crore on account of its naptha export, drilling contracts in Bangladesh and other miscellaneous income.

Expenditure on offshore supply vehicles

1335. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total annual expenditure on offshore supply vehicles during the last three years, year-wise;